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### ROUNDTABLE

TUESDAY, October 2 - Clubrooms, 1475 Broadway  
5:30-7:30 - Admission: Members \$1; Guests \$1.50

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MAX ASCOLI  
Publisher of The Reporter

and

COL. F.W.D. DEAKIN, DSO  
British Professor and War Hero

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For an intimate, up-to-date report on European politics, the OPC presents a distinguished American publisher and a colorful British war hero. Max Ascoli, founder-publisher of The Reporter, has just returned from a survey of continental affairs, with special emphasis on political developments in his homeland, Italy, from which he was driven into exile by Mussolini.

Colonel Deakin, now warden of St. Antony's College, Oxford, received international acclaim in 1944 when his exploits were hailed by Prime Minister Winston Churchill before the House of Commons. Churchill told how Deakin parachuted into Yugoslavia to spend eight months at Marshal Tito's headquarters, for which he received the DSO. Colonel Deakin, now on a tour of the U.S., will discuss "How Real Is Tito's Friendship?"

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JOSEPH RUFFNER tagged for jury duty October 2 ... The Woman Pays Club hears ABC commentator PAULINE FREDERICK next Tuesday ... The London Daily Telegraph's ALEX FAULKNER predicts cosmic laughter at America's expense if Congress passes anti-gambling legislation now under consideration without modifying proposed ban on distribution in this country of foreign newspapers, including the popular airmail editions of the Telegraph, The Times of London and the Manchester Guardian. Theory is that the odds they print on races, etc., aid gamblers. Practical effect, says FAULKNER, would be a crippling blow at the free exchange of information ...

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The Board of Governors announces the election to guest membership in the Overseas Press Club of America of the following candidates:

KARL HESS, Newsweek magazine  
CARLE HODGE, Time magazine  
Capt. RICHARD L. HENSCHER (Armed Forces membership)

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Chairman LEONARD S. SMITH announces the appointment to the Club's Public Relations Committee of LEO MARGOLIN, LOUIS WEINTRAUB and MARTY BURSTEN. WEINTRAUB and BURSTEN, former assignment and photo feature editor of OWI-PWD picture division in the ETO, will handle OPC photographic coverage, including pictures for the archives and bulletin board. Members who can assist in this activity are asked to call BURSTEN at ORegon 4-6800.

"MIKE" BERGER TO BE HONOR GUEST)  
AT LUNCHEON SALUTING "TIMES"

A distinguished guest list of New York Times executives will be present at Toots Shor's restaurant on Thursday, October 18, when the "Overseas Press Club Salutes the Times",

it was announced this week. The luncheon, held in recognition of the Times' centennial, will honor Meyer Berger, veteran Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter whose book, "The Story of the New York Times", is published this week by Simon & Schuster.

Among top Timesmen expected to attend will be Managing Editor Edwin L. James; Robert Garst, city editor; Lester Markel, Sunday editor; Turner Catledge, executive managing editor; and EMANUEL R. FREEDMAN, foreign news editor. President Arthur Hays Sulzberger and Julius Ochs Kupper, general manager, cannot be present as they will be abroad on the date of the luncheon.

Berger has been a Times reporter since 1928; Time magazine calls him "one of the most professional of U.S. reporters". He began his newspapering as a newsboy at the age of 8; four years later he quit school to work for the old New York World. His "Story of the New York Times", is being universally hailed by book critics throughout the country this week.

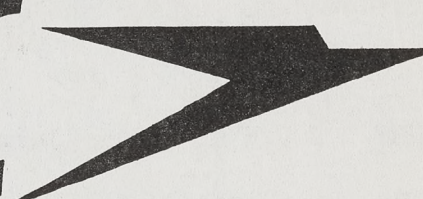
Several copies of Berger's book will be presented to Members as door prizes.

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\*\*\*\* LAST NOTICE TO ALL DELINQUENT MEMBERS \*\*\*\*

In accordance with the final notice mailed by the Secretary-Treasurer to all delinquent Members, this will be the last issue of The Bulletin sent such Members. Unless outstanding dues are paid within the week, names of delinquent Members will be stricken from the Club mailing list. Dues are - Active \$20; Associate \$30; Guest \$30; Armed Forces \$20.

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In compliance with Section Two, Article X of the OPC Constitution, the Club's semi-annual fall Business Meeting will be held at the Clubrooms, 1475 Broadway, on Wednesday, October 24, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Admission will be free and refreshments available to Members and guests.

While only Active Members may vote on business brought before the meeting, wives and friends are cordially invited. Likewise, newly-admitted Members are especially urged to attend and become acquainted with their new colleagues. The gathering will combine business with pleasure (in the form of a pre-meeting cocktail party).

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Vol. L, No. 1 of SYDNEY MOSELEY's sprightly new magazine, For Editors Only, has just reached Club Headquarters from London. First issue of the monthly billed as "a platform from which (British and American journalists) can address their colleagues, air their grievances, explain their conflicting attitudes, ask for information and get anything they are longing to say off their chests", contains 36 pages. Among articles are, "Why I Hate England" by Col. Robert R. McCormick, "Does Lady Astor Influence The Times?", "Was David Windsor a Nazi?" and "Editors Converted to Spiritualism". Address: 36 Christchurch Road, Bournemouth, Hampshire, Subscription: \$10 per year ...

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PRESIDENT URGES "NO LET UP")  
IN CAMPAIGN TO FREE OATIS)

"Don't let America forget Bill Oatis!" That was the word this week from OPC President JOHN DALY who, with the Board of Governors, appealed to Members to keep the case alive through mention in articles, editorials, radio commentary, etc. Work on behalf of the Associated Press correspondent, sentenced to 10 years imprisonment on espionage charges by the Red-dominated Czechoslovak government, is being pushed by the Club's Freedom of Press and Information Committee, headed by BRUNO SHAW.

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SAIGON DATELINE -- (by JOHN DONOVAN) -- The AP's Seymour Topping, a long-time China hand, due for leave in New York and then an assignment in Europe. Anxious to shake the rice from his hair ... Jack Dowling of Time-Life back in town from Singapore on a Time cover story of General de Lattre de Tassigny (see Time, September 24 -- Editor) ... LEO HOCHSTETTER due in from Hong Kong with wife, Genevieve and new baby boy. Mrs. H. arrived with close to 60 bags, trunks and cases; evidently plans to stay. In Singapore last month ran across HENRY LIEBERMAN of the New York Times, now back in Hong Kong with his wife ... Larry Allen and Milt Marmor now hold down the AP bureau there and old China hand Bill O'Neil and wife Peg run Reuters in Southeast Asia.

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Farrar, Straus & Young this week published CLARENCE W. HALL's latest book, "Protestant Panorama", a lively, picture-filled survey of the "faith that made America free" ... DIXON DONNELLY sitting in for Vision editor EDWIN STOUT while the latter completes a Latin-American sweep ... From Paris, WALTER T. RIDDER, chief of operations, European Information Division, ECA, writes that "I have for some time known that I have sunk into a morass of bureaucracy, but I did not realize to what extent until I saw my name listed among those from whom nothing has been heard". He's in Paris for ECA until January, when he plans to return to become Washington bureau chief of the St. Paul Pioneer Press & Dispatch ... Past President EUGENE LYONS writes "Our New Privileged Class" for the September American Legion Magazine ...

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JOINT OPC-NEW SCHOOL MEETING  
HAILED AS OUTSTANDING SUCCESS;  
MORE THAN 1,000 HEAR SPEAKERS

More than 800 enthusiastic listeners jammed the auditorium, while 200 more overflowed into classrooms, to hear "Report on Western Europe", a dramatic program produced jointly by the Overseas Press Club and the New School, at the school on September 18. Past President LOUIS P. LOCHNER was chairman of the meeting. Participants representing the OPC included HERBERT MATTHEWS of the New York Times and NBC commentator H. V. KALTENBORN, while New School speakers were Hans Simons, president; Alvin Johnson, president emeritus; and Saul K. Padover, dean of the school of politics.

Follow-up to the OPC-New School panel discussion was the appearance of Club Members this week on the CBS show, "You and the World". LOCHNER and MATTHEWS were interviewed by Dwight Cook on this program, as well as MICHAEL STERN, True European correspondent, who appeared on the September 25 spot.

All involved in the joint effort pronounced it an unqualified success, and plans are under discussion for a possible repetition in the future.



~~~~~ A hats-off salute to the San Francisco Press Club for aid and hospitality offered correspondents covering the Japan Peace Conference was voiced this week by IVAN H. (Cy) PETERMAN, veteran Philadelphia Inquirer newsmen. "Before proceeding to the Big Three meetings in Washington and the Ottawa conference of NATO", he wrote, "I think it well that I tell you a few of the very nice things done for all the correspondents... by San Francisco's Press Club and Union League. In the September 8 Bulletin I note you mention a few of the Members out there, but there were many more of us and the S.F. Press Club made us all feel right at home".

Thoroughly organized to greet, accommodate for rooms (in nearby hotels and the club itself), the Press Club's committee had a completely equipped working room with UP tickers, Western Union and overseas cable senders, operators, messengers, a full library, plenty of new typewriters and desks for all comers, PETERMAN reported.

They also provided a complete press "packet" on the worthwhile sights -- restaurants, including such famed spots as the Shadows, Omar Kyahams, Jack's, Larry's, The Blue Fox, etc. Sunday after the Conference closed, a five-hour boat trip around Frisco bay was the climax, with 1,800 press, delegations and friends boarding the U.S. Army ferry, "Yerbo Buena", where the Union Oil Company had staked the party to unlimited, never-ending Scotch, bourbon and champagne, as well as a continuous buffet as only Californians can host it.

PETERMAN, incidentally, wandered into the Mark Hopkins Hotel just as Premier Shigeru Yoshida and his delegation arrived, Sunday before the meeting began, horned into the first Japanese press conference and found a helpful Japanese editor who translated, thus getting the first line on Japanese policy and desire for an American-Japanese military alliance.

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A Memo from The Editor ... Couple of days ago we received from an overseas Member one of those nice, warming letters. She wrote that The Bulletin alone was worth what she paid in dues, even though she could only occasionally enjoy Club facilities in New York. That was a very kind thing to say. Actually, from a point of cold fact, The Bulletin's production and airmail costs add up to more than the annual dues paid by Members abroad. All of which means that a lot of Members unknowingly are getting more than they pay for; and that, in turn, means that people can't measure an organization like the OPC purely in terms of \$s and ¢s.

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NBC Washington correspondent MORGAN BEATTY last week reported exclusively that vast new deposits of atom-bomb ore have been discovered in the Athabaska district of Alberta, Canada ... On September 30 EDWARD R. MURROW is off to Gatlinburg, Tenn., to cover the 1951 Governors' Conference for CBS ... Former Time-Life correspondent ELMER W. LOWER left aboard the "Nieuw Amsterdam" for Frankfurt September 25 to become special assistant to the chief of the Information Services Division, HICOG office of public affairs. With him go his family, Mrs. Lower and sons, Louis, 6, and John, 3. From France the boys returned speaking French; from Thailand, they brought home a working knowledge of Siamese. This time it's German ...

JOHN BARKHAM has just been named managing editor of Coronet ... Among Members attending an Inter-American Press Association and Northwestern University conference in Chicago on September 30 hear Dr. ALBERTO GAINZA PAZ, exiled La Prensa publisher, will be RALPH MCGILL, SEYMOUR BERKSON, CARROLL BINDER and JOSHUA B. POWERS ...

STERN SAYS U.S. AID TO RED PARTISANS  
IN ITALY BEGAN AFTER HOLOHAN MURDER;  
ARMY'S HELP LIMITED TO "NO COMMENTS"

A wide-eyed crowd of almost 90 OPC Members and guests listened September 26 as True correspondent MICHAEL STERN related the sensational "story behind" his celebrated Major Holohan murder story before a luncheon meeting at

Toots Shor's. Author of the news-break article about how two OSS agents in Italy murdered their superior officer, Maj. William V. Holohan, in 1944, STERN was introduced by Vice President WILLIAM P. GRAY.

First, STERN addressed a verbal "open letter" to Mayor Lawrence of Pittsburgh, who had been quoted as saying he would fight extradition to Italy of former Lt. Aldo Icadi, one of the OSS agents allegedly implicated in the crime. In his "open letter", STERN recited the facts in the case as outlined in his True magazine article. He told how he had first heard of Major Holohan's fate at a luncheon at the OSS mess in Rome in 1945. Later, when STERN was investigating what became of Mussolini's gold in Italy's lake regions, he again ran across the Holohan incident. His queries of Italian natives, however, resulted in tight lips and slammed doors. During a golf game with Ralph Daigh, Fawcett Publications editorial director (also present at the meeting),

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STERN received a green-light to explore the case. His search took him 18 months.

Motive of the bizarre crime, STERN told the OPC, was Holohan's refusal to permit U.S. arms to be diverted to Communist partisan troops. Only after Holohan's death, STERN reported, did Army munitions and guns begin to fall into the hands of Moscatelli, then Red Partisan leader in Northern Italy and now an Italian Senator who boasts of his role as "chief of the Red underground". From that point on, virtually all U.S. arms went to the Communists, their destination disguised in various OSS reports to Rome by agents sympathetic to Moscatelli, STERN said.

In a question period which followed STERN's "open letter", the veteran foreign correspondent told how the Defense Department refused to permit him access to any of its files, shunting him from officer to officer and acknowledging each query with a "no comment". "The Defense Department," STERN said, "would not even give me the name of Holohan's next-of-kin." His discovery of Holohan's brother in New York resulted from the filing of a missing-persons report with the New York Police Department!

Present to welcome STERN to the OPC were many distinguished guests and Club Members ... McGraw-Hill's RUSSELL ANDERSON had with him Mrs. Rea Polk, widow of CBS correspondent George Polk ... There were Ken Purdy, True editor; DIXON DONNELLY; new Member ELMER BORSUK and new Guest Member CARLE HODGE, Time press editor ... With ADELE NATHAN was Frederick R. Hubert, Baltimore representative of the Metropolitan Opera Company; with JEWEL DE BONILIA, Ambassador-at-large Corrigan, from the U.S. Mission to the UN ... It was the first Stateside reunion in five years of MICHAEL STERN's entire family; Mrs. Stern, 12-year-old Michael, Jr., and Margaret, 10. Mrs. S. is off to Hollywood shortly to supervise a fashion show for the House of Fontana, Rome salon, while the children will go to school. And MIKE returns to Rome next week ... JOHN RALEIGH of WCAU, Philadelphia, up for the meeting ... William Lengyel, editor of Gold Medal Books, FRED ROSEN, REAVIS O'NEAL, Rita and JAMES CASSIDY, DOROTHY OMANSKY, and the Christian Science Monitor's MARY HORNADAY ...

OPC Vignette: Israeli Consul General Aeri Ben Tovin was cornered by Toots Shor bartender Jack Kavanaugh, formerly of County Dublin, Eire; he wanted to know about friends in Israel, in particular Mother O'Connor, who operates the Convent of Nazareth in Haifa ...

Guest of WILLIAM P. GRAY was Mrs. Wilson Fielder, wife of the Time correspondent missing in action in Korea ... G.A.W. WYNNE present, also WILLIAM WADE, STERLING LORD of 21 magazine, ELIZABETH FAGG, CHARLES GILLET, CLINTON GREEN and ALBERT CROCKETT ... WHIT BURNETT, ZANDER HOLLANDER, GEORGE HERALD and STANLEY ROSS.

The book prize, "The United Nations and Power Politics", by John MacLaurin (Harper & Brothers) was won by ADELE NATHAN.

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